

PROCLAMATION.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The President of the United States has set apart Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1889, the same being the first Centennial day of the inauguration of George Washington as president of the United States, for prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for having vouchsafed to the American republic a hundred years of national life.

The supreme duty of forming organic laws and governments for two new states to be forever members of the Federal Union, which confronts the citizens of Dakota upon entering into their heritage of the most perfect civil and religious liberty ever established upon earth, render it specially fitting for them to devote a day to contrite prayer, thanksgiving song and patriotic story: to approach as near as may be the fountain of unerring truth and draw upon the rich treasury of our country's history for patriotic inspiration, that the minds of the children may be instructed, the hearts of the aged be gladdened and the hands of those upon whom devolve the chief duties of the hour be strengthened.

I therefore enjoin upon the people of Dakota to assemble upon the day designated by the president, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at their various churches and places for instruction and devotion and there engage in such sacred exercises as seemeth comely to a christain people gathered from among all nations and climes to a land of plenty and beauty which is to be the home of themselves and their children forever.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the Territory of Dakota at
[SEAL] the city of Bismarek, the capital,
on this eighteenth day of April, in
the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-nine.

ARTHUR C. MELLETT,
Governor.

L. B. RICHARDSON, Secretary.